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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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The following documents relating to this application are enclosed.

1. Response to Office Action (8 pages);
2. Declaration of Matthew D. Putnam and Charles D. Jennings with Exhibits (17 pages)
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
4. Check in the amount of \$510 for the Extension of Time; and
5. Postcard.

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